

OCCF Ottawa County Community Foundation

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Spring 2021

2020 OCCF FACTS

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\$143,486

SCHOLARSHIPS

114 scholarships provided assistance with educational endeavors



COMMUNITY GRANTS

\$183,520



52 grants provided nonprofits with support to address current and emerging needs

\$21,686

RAPID RESPONSE

22 special grants awarded to nonprofits to meet critical needs during the Covid pandemic



TOTAL GIVING

\$587,320



from all established funds for scholarships, grants, and donor directed giving

Assets over \$10.6 million in 94 different funds

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McGrew Named as First Executive Director for OCCF

Shea McGrew joined the Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) as Executive Director. He began his new role on April 1.



Shea McGrew

The Executive Director is a new position that reports to the Board of Directors. The Executive Director is charged with meeting goals in collaboration with the Board, managing the day-to-day operations for the organization, and overseeing special initiatives on behalf of the Foundation.

"We are excited to announce this new position for the Foundation," said Jan Preston, President, OCCF Board of Directors. "Shea is the ideal candidate to serve in this important leadership role, and we look forward to the contributions he will make offering his skills, experience, and management style to help this organization grow. We are fortunate to have someone with Shea's background and experience who will contribute to the overall growth of the Foundation."

Shea was most recently Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Muskingum University where he was responsible for development, alumni relations, and key university publications and events. Prior to that, he held positions with Bowling Green State University as Vice President for Advancement & President/CEO of the BGSU Foundation; Michigan Technological University as Vice President for Advancement/President of MTU Foundation; and Capital University as Vice President for University Relations.

Shea has significant experience in operational and program management. His skills in working with boards to develop and implement strategic priorities and direction will be important to OCCF as it looks to the future.

"My goal is to reach out regularly to donors, prospective donors, and the community to build relationships of trust and to 'tell the story' of the Ottawa County Community Foundation," said Shea. "I look forward to working with OCCF's dynamic Board and to furthering the mission of creating a better community for generations to come."

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Board Welcomes New Members

We are happy to introduce our two newest members to the OCCF Board — Brenda Haas from Lakeside and Ron Overmyer from Oak Harbor.



Brenda Haas

A freelance writer for local businesses and non-profits, Brenda Haas spent many years as a reporter for Penn Franklin News (a Pittsburgh, PA press). She also served as Public Relations Chair for various civic organizations while living in Pittsburgh for 20 years. Originally from Coshocton County, Brenda graduated from Otterbein University and first came to Lake Erie three decades ago as a college student and Lakeside “gate ambassador.” Now a resident of Lakeside, Brenda is an active board member of Rotary Club of Port Clinton, volunteers with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library in Ottawa County (through United Way), and coordinates a writing program at Marblehead Peninsula Branch Library, while also maintaining *Power of Pages*, her reading/writing advocacy website. Her work has appeared in *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *The Beacon*, *Leisure Living Magazine*, and other regional publications. For pleasure, Brenda enjoys writing fiction, reading, watching ice hockey, and boating. She and her husband Michael have two grown daughters.



Ron Overmyer

Ron Overmyer retired from The Ohio State University (OSU) Extension in June 2004 after serving as an OSU Extension Agent for 37 years. Raised on a farm in Sandusky County, he earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in agricultural education from OSU. He began his career as a 4-H Extension Agent in Ottawa County, then returned to Sandusky County as an Agricultural Extension Agent, and finished his career as the Coordinator of the OSU Extension Agricultural Business Enhancement Center in Bowling Green. Since retirement, he has continued to stay involved in agricultural business development. Ron has worked with agricultural businesses and organizations in Ohio, Maine, and East Africa. Ron brings his extensive experience on various boards including the Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, International Health Partners, Inc., Heartland Agdeavor, Inc., Agdeavor Ethanol Investments, Inc., and BCS Board of Education. In his spare time, Ron enjoys camping, hiking, and biking with his wife Janice, their two children, and four grandchildren.

James Named Emeritus Member

Jon James recently retired from the OCCF Board after serving for 14 years. Because of his extensive tenure with the Foundation, the Board voted to honor him with Emeritus status along with current emeritus members John Bock, Elmore and Blair Miller, formerly of Elmore. As Grants Committee chair from 2008-2019, Jon oversaw the development of guidelines for the annual Community Grants process and its promotion. Jon’s dedication to the mission of OCCF will continue. We cherish his passion and commitment to the Foundation.

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Rapid Response Effort Makes an Impact

COVID-19 turned our world upside down in countless ways. In response to the extra needs of many local nonprofits during the pandemic, the Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) initiated a Rapid Response effort in April 2020 to provide emergency assistance.

As we mark one year of challenges, we are pleased to acknowledge the great work that the Rapid Response effort was able to provide throughout our community. Fifteen local nonprofit organizations received funding throughout the year to help with food, cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, etc., and a total of \$21,686 has been distributed since last April.

OCCF would like to extend a sincere *Thank You* to the over 40 donors whose generosity made it possible for us to quickly respond to the special needs created by the Pandemic. Organizations receiving Rapid Response funding included:

- * Cancer Services
- * Engaging Opportunities: Christy's Corner Café
- * Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
- * Heartbeat of Ottawa County
- * Joyful Connections
- * Oak House
- * Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center
- * Ottawa County Senior Resources
- * Pathway Inclusion Center
- * Port Clinton Firefighters Association
- * St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Put in Bay food pantry
- * St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Food to the Table
- * Salvation Army
- * Seed Faith Ministries Food Pantry
- * Ohio Living Vineyard on Catawba



Put-in-Bay Food Pantry adapted to COVID concerns by offering an outdoor Annex.

Revolving Loan Fund Supports Small Businesses

The City of Port Clinton established a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to provide financing to small businesses within the city of Port Clinton.

"The Ottawa County Community Foundation contacted the City to see about creating the Revolving Loan Fund," said Port Clinton Mayor Mike Snider. "Initial funding for the project was provided by a private donation made through the Foundation. We are thrilled to begin our partnership with the Ottawa County Community Foundation, private donors, and the RLF Board members who volunteered their time to put this together."



Trish McCartney and her Staff welcome customers.

One local businesswoman has recently taken advantage of the RLF to spruce up her commercial building on Lincoln Drive. Trish McCartney, of McCartney State Farm Insurance, added an awning as "the cherry on top" of the many renovations she has made to the building, since purchasing it more than five years ago.

"It's a new program. The interest rate was attractive, but I also appreciated working with my local municipality and supporting the city," said McCartney. "The revolving loan fund put that improvement on my radar."

To learn how to apply for a RLF loan, contact Jim Deer, OCCF Board member, at 614-296-8611 or Cole Hatfield, Port Clinton City Auditor at 419-734-5522 ext. 238.



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To learn how to put your philanthropic goals to work, contact Shea McGrew, Executive Director, or any Board member.

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